4. Carbon monoxide has been impugned as a harmful constituent of cigarette smoke. There is no evidence available, however, that permits a determination of changes in the risk of diseases due to variations in carbon monoxide levels.

5. Smokers may increase the number of cigarettes they smoke and inhale more deeply when they switch to lower yield cigarettes. Compensatory behaviour may negate any advantage of the lower yield product or even increase the health risk.

6. The 'tar' and nicotine yields obtained by present testing methods do not correspond to the dosages that the individual smokers receive in some cases they may seriously underestimate these dosages.

7. A final question is unresolved, whether the new cigarettes being produced today introduce new risks through their design, filtering mechanisms, tobacco ingredients or additives. The chief concern is additives. The Public Health Service has been unable to assess the relative risks of cigarette additives because information was not available from manufacturers as to what these additives are.

Birth rate

466. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA DEVISINGH PATIL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the birth rate in India during the last year and that during the current year;

(b) how does this birth rate compare with the economic growth rate of the country;

(c) whether Government propose to adopt some new measures to control the present growth of population in our country;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to make family planning compulsory; and

(e) whether there is any proposal for an all political parties meeting to be convened to discuss this national issue?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The annual estimates of Birth rate are provided by the Sample Registration System (SRS) of Registrar General of India. The estimate of birth rate for the year 1983, which is the latest available, is 33.7 per 1000 population.

(b) These two indices are not comparable. However, the annual economic growth rate during the Sixth Five Year Plan period has remained higher than the natural growth rate of the population.

(c) An Action plan has been formulated by the Ministry to control population growth in the country. The major elements of the Action plan are increased Community participation, improved comunication strategy, provision of suitable incentives, improving programme management and appropriate research and evaluation.

(d) and (e) No such measures are under consideration.

C.G.H.S. Hospital at Calcutta

467. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REEDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up C.G.H.S hospital for Central Government staff in Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the likely expenditure;

(c) by when it is likely to be set up;

(d) whether there is any proposal to set up such a hospital at Hyderabad also; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor and the criterion for cities for setting up C.G.H.S. hospitals for Central Government staff?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Due to paucity of resources, there are no proposals right now to establish any separate hospital exclusively for the C.G.H.S. in any of the big cities like Calcutta or Hyderabad.

There are no criteria for the establishment of CGHS hospitals which necessarily depend on the availability of resources.

Catering in Superfast trains

468. SHRI ADINARAYANA REEDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the new method of catering has been introduced in the Superfast trains and what are the reasons for this change; and

(b) whether the present catering which is done by outside agencies is more beneficial to the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) To serve hot/tasty food to passengers in hygienic conditions, a revised menu in disposable aluminium casseroles has been introduced in some selected Mail/Express trains. First such service was started from 1-6-1985. This has been evolved in consultation with India Tourism Development Corporation.

(b) Meals for service in Casseroles are prepared by departmental catering units.

Recruitment of Yoga teachers in the Delhi Administration Schools

469. SHRI DHARANIDHAR BASUMATARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued any instructions to the Delhi Administration for filling up the posts of Yoga teachers which are lying vacant since long; and

(b) if so, by when these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) Government have recently allowed Delhi Administration to create, besides other posts, 20 posts of Yoga Teachers. It has been reported by Delhi Administration that they have initiated action to fill up these vacancies.

ताज महल पर व्यय

470. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) ताज महल के रखरखाव पर प्रतिवर्ष कितनी राशि खर्च की जा रही है; और

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि "ताज" में कुछ छेद होने का पता लगा है जिनमें से वर्षा का पानी अन्दर गिरता है, यदि हां, तो इस मामले में क्या कार्यवाही की गयी है?

शिक्षा तथा संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी) : (क) वर्ष 1984-85 में ताज महल के संरक्षण पर खर्च की गई राशि कुल 10,49,407/- रूपये है ।

(ख) किसी सुराख का पता नहीं लगा है । तथापि, अक्तूबर, 1985 में बिना मौसम की और अभूतपूर्व बारिश के कारण एक स्थान पर पानी के रिसाव का पता लगा था, जिसे बन्द कर दिया गया है ।

नडियाद-मीडासा कपडवंज रेल परियोजना

471. **श्री मीर्जा इर्शादबेग** : क्या **परिवहन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या नडियाद-मीडासा कप्डवंज रेल परियोजना का सर्वेक्षण कार्य पूरा करने के